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SUBJECT: DPC RESTRICTED SESSION-MEETING WITH SYG

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ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR BRUCE CALLED ON SYG LUNS MAY 20 TO DISCUSS DPC RESTRICTED SESSION. MEETING REPORTED SEPTEL. AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S TALKING POINTS, A COPY OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED TO SYG, FOLLOW:  
BEGIN TEXT

IT NOW APPEARS THAT BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING CONFLICTS, IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO MEET WITH YOU AT ANY LENGTH PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING.

--WE DO HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO VISIT YOU FOR A BRIEF "OFFICE CALL" JUST PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST SESSION, AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOUR OFFICE STAFF CONCERNING THIS VISIT.

--IN THE ABSENCE OF A MORE LENGTHY VISIT, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAS ASKED ME TO DISCUSS WITH YOU OUR VIEWS ON SEVERAL ITEMS THAT WILL ARISE DURING THE RESTRICTED SESSION.

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OUR FIRST POINT OF CONCERN IS IMINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

--WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU PLAN TO BRING THIS SUBJECT UP.

--THE REPORT MIGHT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY TURKEY, TO RAISE ISSUES WHICH MIGHT BE AWKWARD FOR THE UNITED STATE.

--SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION OF THE COMPLEX ISSUES WHICH ARE INHERENT IN THE SUBJECT, BUT IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT PROBLEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SHOULD ALSO BE OF GREAT CONCERN TO OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES.

-- WE WISH, OF COURSE, TO ENCOURAGE OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SEEKING RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS.

--WE HOPE, THEREFORE, THAT YOU WILL SEE FIT TO STIMULATE A BROAD-RANGING DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE AMONG THE EUROPEAN MINISTERS OF DEFENSE.

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PLANS TO DISCUSS THE U.S. DEFENSE BUDGET AND WHAT IT MEANS TO NATO. HE WILL RESPOND TO WELL-KNOWN EUROPEAN INTEREST IN OUR ANNUAL BUDGET DEBATE BY "TELLING IT AS IT IS," EXPLAINING WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH, AND NOTING HOW THE BUDGET

IS FARING THUS FAR IN THE CONGRESS. WE HOPE THAT YOU, THEN, CAN HELP TO STIMULATE A FRANK DISCUSSION AMONG MINISTERS CONCERNING THEIR OWN DEFENSE BUDGETS AND RELATED EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A LONG-TERM, CREDIBLE, NATO DEFENSE.

--WE HOPE THAT SUCH A DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS WOULD NOT TURN INTO A "HAND-WRINGING SESSION" ON THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION, BUT WOULD LEAD TO A CONSTRUCTIVE ASSESSMENT OF WHAT ALL THE ALLIES ARE DOING TO TRY TO MATCH WARSAW PACT RESOURCE INCREASES.

--IN SIMILAR VEIN, WE FEEL THAT THE NATO REPORT ON ECONOMIC TRENDS MAY BE USEFUL AS A COMPLEMENT TO DISCUSSION. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER MAY FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE

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RELATIVE INDUSTRIAL CAPACITIES OF THE EAST AND WEST AS A FACTOR IN THE STRATEGIC BALANCE.

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL BRIEFLY REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE THREE ASPECTS OF THE NUNN AMENDMENT: CONVERSION OF SUPPORT TO COMBAT FORCES, STANDARDIZATION AND THE THEATER NUCLEAR FORCE POSTURE IN EUROPE.

FINALLY, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL DISCUSS THE SPANISH/ EUROPEAN DEFENSE LINKAGE. IN MY LETTER TO YOU OF THIS MORNING, I POINTED OUT OUR SUPPORT FOR SPAIN'S INTEREST IN SECURING SOME FORM OF ALLIANCE RECOGNITION OF SPAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN DEFENSE, IN THE CONTEXT OF BILATERAL US-SPAIN NEGOTIATIONS.

-- SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL PROBABLY EXPAND ON THIS THEME TO POINT OUT THE PRESENT AND POTENTIAL SPANISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO

WESTERN DEFENSE.

-- WE HOPE THAT YOU COULD HELP SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TO  
EXPLORE CAUTIOUSLY, AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES, THE IDEA OF AN APP-  
ROPRIATE RELATIONSHIP FOR SPAIN WITH THE ALLIANCE, PERHAPS  
FOCUSING INITIALLY ON STEPS TOWARD MILITARY COOPERATION, AND AIMING  
TOWARDS SOME FORM OF ALLIED REGOGNITION OF  
THE POTENTIAL SPANISH CONTRIBUTION.

WE WOULD, OF COURSE, APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON HOW WE OUS-  
SELVES COULD BEST TREAT THE SUBJECTS I HAVE RAISED TO MAKE  
THE RESTRICTED SESSION AS PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE.  
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